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PATENT

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In re application of: Bernard F. Garceau, Jason D. Collins

Application No.: 10/081,254

Group No.: 3635

Filed: 02/22/2002

Examiner: Green, Christy

For: REINFORCING BRACKET FOR A TRAILER FRAME

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application, which is in response to the Office Action of April 29, 2005.

STATUS

2. Applicant is a small entity. A statement was already filed.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is

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being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

| (Col. 1) | (Col. 2) | (Col. 3) | SMALL ENTITY | | | |
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| CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA | RATE | | ADDIT. FEE | |
| TOTAL | 23 | – | 23 | = 0 | x \$ 9.00 | = \$ 0.00 |
| INDEP. | 4 | – | 4 | = 0 | x \$ 43.00 | = \$ 0.00 |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM | | | | | | TOTAL ADDIT. FEE |
| | | | | | | \$ 0.00 |

Total additional fee for claims required \$0.00

FEE PAYMENT

FEE DEFICIENCY

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This paper is responsive to the Office Action of April 29, 2005. As this response is filed within three months therefrom, no extension fees are believed due. This response has the following parts:

Amendments to the Specification – none made;**Amendments to the Claims** – begin on page 2 of this paper;**Amendments to the Drawings** – none made; and**Remarks** – begin on page 7 of this paper.